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SENATE BILL

No. 662

**Introduced by Senator Yee
(Coauthor: Senator Wolk)**

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Sections 26840.7 and 26840.8 of the Government Code, and to amend Sections 18293, 18304, and 18305 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to domestic violence, and making an appropriation therefor *violence*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 662, as amended, Yee. Domestic violence: marriage license fees.

Existing law requires the collection of fees for issuing marriage licenses and for confidential marriage licenses.

Existing law requires the collection of a fee in addition to the basic fee for the issuance of a marriage license and for the issuance of an authorization for the performance of marriages without a license, in the amount of \$23. Existing law requires the additional \$23 fee to be collected by the county clerk for deposit into county domestic violence shelter-based programs special funds. Existing law requires fees collected in the special funds to be disbursed to approved domestic violence shelter-based programs that meet certain requirements on a yearly or more frequent basis.

This bill would *authorize a county board of supervisors to authorize an increase of the above-described fee* ~~required to be collected for domestic violence shelter-based programs from \$23 to \$33.~~

Existing law provides that proposed or existing domestic violence shelter-based programs that meet the aforementioned requirements shall receive funding from the county domestic violence shelter-based programs special funds.

This bill would, instead, provide that only existing domestic violence shelter-based programs that meet the requirements shall receive funding.

Existing law requires the money in the special funds to be disbursed using a request for qualification (RFQ) process.

This bill would require the RFQ process to involve a determination of whether a domestic violence shelter-based program meets the aforementioned requirements. If a domestic violence shelter-based program meets those requirements, the bill would provide that the program has successfully completed the RFQ process. The bill would provide that an RFQ process shall not be construed to mean a competitive bidding process.

Existing law authorizes a county to establish a program for reducing the incidence of domestic violence in the county by establishing or funding domestic violence shelter-based programs that meet the aforementioned requirements. Existing law authorizes geographically adjacent counties to combine their respective domestic violence shelter-based programs funds in order to establish one or more domestic violence shelter-based programs, in order to provide services to the clients of each county that combines its funds with another county.

This bill would provide that a county may only fund a domestic violence shelter-based program that is located outside of the county if the funding county is funding all domestic violence shelter-based programs located within its borders that meet the aforementioned requirements and the program located outside of the funding county provides services to residents of the funding county.

~~This bill would result in a change in state taxes for the purpose of increasing state revenues within the meaning of Section 3 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and thus would require for passage the approval of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the membership of each house of the Legislature. By providing for the expenditure of state tax revenue, this bill would make an appropriation.~~

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority. Appropriation: ~~yes~~no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 26840.7 of the Government Code is amended to read:

26840.7. In addition to the fee prescribed by Section 26840 and as authorized by Section 26840.3, the county clerk shall collect a fee of ~~thirty-three dollars (\$33)~~ *twenty-three dollars (\$23)* at the time of issuance of the license. *A county board of supervisors may authorize an increase of the fee from twenty-three dollars (\$23) to thirty-three dollars (\$33).* The fee shall be disposed of by the clerk pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 18290) of Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Of this amount, four dollars (\$4) shall be used, to the extent feasible, to develop or expand domestic violence shelter-based programs to target underserved areas and populations.

SEC. 2. Section 26840.8 of the Government Code is amended to read:

26840.8. In addition to the fee prescribed by Section 26840.1 and as authorized by Section 26840.3, the person issuing an authorization for the performance of a marriage pursuant to Part 4 (commencing with Section 500) of Division 3 of the Family Code or the county clerk, upon providing a blank authorization form pursuant to Part 4 (commencing with Section 500) of Division 3 of the Family Code, shall collect a fee of ~~thirty-three dollars (\$33)~~ *twenty-three dollars (\$23)* at the time of providing the authorization. *A county board of supervisors may authorize an increase of the fee from twenty-three dollars (\$23) to thirty-three dollars (\$33).* The fee shall be disposed of pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 18290) of Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Of this amount, four dollars (\$4) shall be used, to the extent feasible, to develop or expand domestic violence shelter-based programs to target underserved areas and populations.

SEC. 3. Section 18293 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

18293. (a) In order to be eligible for funding pursuant to this chapter, a domestic violence shelter-based program shall demonstrate its ability to receive and make use of any funds available from governmental, voluntary, philanthropic, or other sources that may be used to augment any state or county funds

1 appropriated for the purposes of this chapter. Each domestic
2 violence shelter-based program shall make every attempt to qualify
3 the domestic violence shelter-based program for any available
4 federal funding.

5 (b) No provision of this section is intended to prohibit domestic
6 violence shelter-based programs receiving funds pursuant to this
7 chapter from receiving additional funds from any other public or
8 private source. Funds provided pursuant to this chapter shall not
9 be used to reduce the financial support from other public or private
10 sources.

11 (c) Existing domestic violence shelter-based programs that meet
12 the requirements set forth in Section 18294, shall receive funding
13 pursuant to this chapter upon the approval of the local board of
14 supervisors.

15 (d) Funding shall be given to agencies and organizations whose
16 primary function is to administer domestic violence shelter-based
17 programs. Any additional fees received by Alameda County, Contra
18 Costa County, Solano County, and the City of Berkeley at the time
19 of issuance of a marriage license pursuant to Sections 18308,
20 18309, and 18309.5, that are in excess of the ~~thirty-three-dollar~~
21 ~~(\$33)~~ fee collected pursuant to ~~this act~~ *Section 26840.7 or 26840.8*,
22 shall be available to that city or county for funding domestic
23 violence programs other than domestic violence shelter-based
24 programs.

25 (e) Prior to approving a domestic violence shelter-based program
26 or programs for this funding, the board shall consult with
27 individuals and groups that have expertise in the problems of
28 domestic violence and in the operation of domestic violence
29 shelter-based programs including operations of existing domestic
30 violence shelter-based programs.

31 (f) Upon approving one or more domestic violence shelter-based
32 programs for funding, the board shall direct the county treasurer
33 to disburse moneys from the county's domestic violence
34 shelter-based program special fund and for funding, the board shall
35 designate a local agency to monitor the domestic violence
36 shelter-based program or programs. This monitoring shall include
37 information regarding the number of persons requesting services,
38 the number of persons receiving services according to the type of
39 services provided, and the need, if any, for additional services or
40 staffing.

(g) Programs that receive funding through this chapter shall, to the extent feasible, provide services to persons with a physical disability who are victims of domestic violence. If the program cannot provide the services, then the program's staff, to the extent feasible, shall assist in referring the person with a physical disability to other programs and services in the community where assistance may be obtained.

(h) The process to determine eligibility of a domestic violence shelter-based program to receive funding pursuant to this chapter shall have as its primary purpose to ascertain that the program meets the service requirements of Section 18294. The process shall be expedient and shall include a mechanism for annual recertification.

(i) Funding obtained pursuant to this chapter is for the unrestricted use of a recipient domestic violence shelter-based program, and may be used for direct and indirect costs.

SEC. 4. Section 18304 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

18304. (a) A county may establish a program for reducing the incidence of domestic violence in the county by establishing or funding domestic violence shelter-based programs that meet the requirements of this chapter. Geographically adjacent counties may combine their respective domestic violence shelter-based programs special funds in order to establish one or more domestic violence shelter-based programs meeting the requirements of this chapter, in order to provide services to the clients of each county that combines its funds with another county.

(b) A county may only fund a domestic violence shelter-based program that is located outside of the county if both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) The funding county is funding all domestic violence shelter-based programs that are located within its borders that meet the requirements in Sections 18294 and 18295.

(2) The domestic violence shelter-based program located outside of the funding county provides services to residents of the funding county.

SEC. 5. Section 18305 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

18305. (a) (1) At the time of issuance of a marriage license pursuant to Section 26840 of the Government Code, ~~thirty-three~~

1 ~~dollars (\$33) of each fee paid~~ *the fee described in Sections 26840.7*
2 *and 26840.8* shall be collected by the county clerk for deposit into
3 the county domestic violence shelter-based programs special fund.

4 (2) The fees collected in this special fund shall be disbursed to
5 approved domestic violence shelter-based programs on a yearly
6 or more frequent basis commencing July 1, 1980.

7 (3) The funds shall be disbursed using a request for qualification
8 (RFQ) process. The RFQ process shall involve a determination of
9 whether a domestic violence shelter-based program meets the
10 requirements of Sections 18294 and 18295. If a domestic violence
11 shelter-based program meets the requirements in Sections 18294
12 and 18295, it shall have successfully completed the RFQ process.
13 The RFQ process shall not be construed to mean a competitive
14 bidding process.

15 (b) The board of supervisors shall direct the county clerk to
16 deposit ~~thirty-three dollars (\$33) of each fee~~ *the fee described in*
17 *Sections 26840.7 and 26840.8* into the county domestic violence
18 shelter-based programs special fund. The county domestic violence
19 shelter-based programs special fund shall fund domestic violence
20 shelter-based programs established pursuant to Section 18304.
21 Four dollars (\$4) of each ~~thirty-three dollars (\$33) fee~~ deposited
22 into the county domestic violence shelter-based programs special
23 fund shall be used, to the extent feasible, to support or expand
24 domestic violence shelter-based programs to target underserved
25 areas and populations. No more than 8 percent of the funds shall
26 be expended for the administrative costs associated with the
27 collection and segregation of the additional marriage license fees,
28 administration of the county domestic violence shelter-based
29 programs special fund, monitoring of the domestic violence
30 shelter-based programs, and meeting the other administrative
31 requirements imposed by this chapter. Counties that do not
32 participate in the establishing or funding of domestic violence
33 shelter-based programs pursuant to this chapter shall be entitled
34 to retain up to 4 percent of the funds for the administrative costs
35 associated with the collection and segregation of the additional
36 marriage license fees and the deposit of these fees in the county
37 domestic violence shelter-based programs special fund.